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CHANGE TITLE: OUTPATIENT PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM (OPPS) - AMBULATORY PAYMENT CLASSIFICATIONS (APCs)

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<u>SUMMARY OF CHANGE(S)</u>: The attached issuances are required for implementation of an adapted version of Medicare's Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) for payment of hospital outpatient department (HOPD) services. Under the OPPS, hospital outpatient services will be reimbursed on a rate-per-service basis that varies according to the APC group to which the services are assigned.

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This change is made in conjunction with Aug 2002 TPM, Change No. 28 and Aug 2002 TSM, Change No. 25.

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